

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A digital camera has distance measurement zone setting means (12) for dividing distance to a subject into a plurality of distance measurement zones;

5 distance measurement zone selection means (13) for selecting a distance measurement zone to be scanned; an autofocus evaluation value calculation circuit (14) for acquiring an AF evaluation value by scanning the selected distance measurement zone; zone-update

10 determination means (15) for determining, through use of the AF evaluation value, whether or not to update a distance measurement zone to be scanned; and in-focus position decision means (16) for appropriately updating the scanned distance measurement zone based

15 upon the determination as to whether to update the distance measurement zone, and deciding an in-focus position based upon acquisition of AF evaluation value. A focusing lens (2) is driven to the in-focus position by a focusing-lens drive circuit (17).

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